

Dear Los Medanos College Academic Senate Body,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a voting member for the IDEA committee. Currently, I am a non-voting faculty member, and I attend most if not all the IDEA committee meetings. It was one of the first committees that I decided to participate in after the General Education Committee because of the inspirational and advocacy work to create "an institutional culture that defines, values and promotes equity, inclusion, and social justice for all members of the Los Medanos College community." Now, more than ever, this type of work is needed at our college, and there is still much to be done. We have yet "to shift diversity, equity, and inclusion from the periphery of the college's activities to the center of the institution's mission, policies, and programs." As a faculty member in the Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Studies Department, I am trained and ready to assist in these endeavors for our college community.

In solidarity,

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